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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 17 October 1966

DD/I said that the weekly report by Task Force [] was negative. He noted that Bruce Clarke will give McCloy a ten- to fifteen-minute current intelligence briefing each morning.

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Kent reported that Gene Rostow had indicated that NATO is first on his list of responsibilities and had expressed an interest in a briefing at Headquarters. (See Action 1)

DD/S mentioned a possible security problem in [] He explained action taken to ease a local communications problem in [] in connection with the Presidential trip. The Director said that we will wait until asked to prepare a security Estimate on South Vietnam.

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Warner noted that Russ Blandford was one of the five recipients of the Rockefeller Public Service Award, and the Director said that he would be pleased to sign a letter of congratulations.

Warner mentioned that Congressman Price had appreciated his briefing on Friday and had asked for a return briefing on transport aircraft. He said that he would take care of a request from Congressman Chamberlain for information on free world shipping to North Vietnam with an oral, sanitized report.

DD/I said that Assistant Secretary of State Leddy had also received the Rockefeller Award.

Parrott reported that Pat Coyne had said that PFIAB was impressed with the last round of substantive briefings, particularly the one on [] and that General Taylor has asked [] follow-up on 31 October outlining the Community's resources in this country. The Director indicated that [] would be the logical briefer.

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25X1 A-DD/S&T reported that he spoke with Walt Rostow this morning on [] and that the matter is in hand. He said that, notwithstanding press speculation on a Soviet space spectacular in connection with a meeting of Eastern European leaders in the USSR this Thursday, intelligence does not show that the preparations necessary for such an event are under way. He thought that a reconnaissance satellite or a routine space shot is more likely.

ADD/P noted a report concerning information from a [] press attache on confusion [] DD/I noted an opposite view-point expressed recently by the []

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25X1 ADD/P mentioned a news story on CIA which started in the 2 October London Sunday Telegraph []

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25X1 The Director noted that the Under Secretary of State is coming to Headquarters today at 1430 and indicated that the DD/I, the ADD/P, Kent, and Colby should be present at the briefing. He told the Executive Director that he should take care of the meeting with Charlie Schultze at 1415 today.

Following a discussion the Director decided to invite Senator Saltonstall to lunch at Headquarters after the Congressional elections.

The Director briefed on Saturday's NSC meeting and also on a conversation Friday afternoon with J. Edgar Hoover.

ACTION:

1. The Director asked Kent to take on the responsibility for a briefing of Gene Rostow at Headquarters.

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